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Press Release

HIALEAH'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Hialeah, Florida – Tuesday night was alive in McDonald's Park as the City of Hialeah stood against crime and drug abuse in celebration of National Night Out. A warm August evening didn't deter residents from the festivities as the park hosted the event to over 2,000 people! Featuring a variety of live entertainment, free food, bounce house rides and giveaways, National Night Out proved that standing together crime and violence will not force us to hide in our homes.

The event has been going strong for 26 years and it brings together citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. The Hialeah Police Department diligently worked to help make Hialeah's Night Out a spectacular one offering free of charge all of the attractions and great food! In addition, Mayor Julio Robaina raffled 20 brand new bikes to lucky winners who entered in the drawing courtesy of the Latin Builders Association. "Thanks to the efforts of our fine police department, Hialeah, the fifth largest city in the state of Florida, has the lowest crime rate!" Mayor Robaina said. "On nights like these when I can come out and see an eager, happy crowd enjoying themselves safely I'm proud of the men and women in uniform who courageously risk themselves protecting us," he added.

The night's entertainment included wholesome family entertainment from Gigi's Academy as well as the cheerleading squad from Cheer Revolution. JCB Karate Dojo was also present to treat the audience to a breath taking demonstration on the accuracy and dangers of martial arts. The evening ended with *Los Primeros* taking the stage and performing an extended set to a crowd of star struck fans. The trio of hip-hop and raggaeton artists performed their usual hits as well as debut recently recorded, brand new songs for the audience's enjoyment.

National sponsor Target presented Mayor Robaina and the Hialeah Police Department with a generous donation for National Night Out. PIO for the Hialeah Police Department Detective Carl Zogby, who helped host the festival said, "Remember tonight is for you, Hialeah. Tonight's event is for all of you to see that when good citizens stand together to ensure their safety, crime has no place to thrive."

For more information, please contact the City of Hialeah Communications & Special Events Department at 305-889-5701.

PHOTOS –

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PIO for the City of Hialeah's Police Department, Carl Zogby, speaks with a young resident at National Night Out

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Over 2,000 residents attended the National Event which included free food, entertainment, raffle prizes and rides.

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The Hialeah Police Department's newest recruit, Jimmy the Bloodhound meets some of the kids he was hired to protect.

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Shihan Juan Bofill of JCB Karate takes the audience's breath away with a spine-tingling demonstration with a samurai sword.